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POLICY GUIDANCE FOR INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR THE 2004-2005 SEASON//

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON ADMINISTRATION OF
INJECTABLE (FLUZONE) AND INTRANASAL (FLUMIST) INFLUENZA VACCINE TO
MILITARY AND CIVILIAN BENEFICIARIES. MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES
(MTFS) WILL IMMEDIATELY MAXIMIZE ADMINISTRATION OF ON HAND FLUZONE
AND FLUMIST VACCINE INVENTORIES TO ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES AND
SERVICE MEMBERS AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 BELOW.

2. (U) DUE TO THE UNANTICIPATED SHORTAGE OF FLUZONE IN OCT 04, DOD
LIMITED INITIAL VACCINATIONS TO CRITICAL OPERATIONAL FORCES, AND
BENEFICIARIES CONSIDERED AT HIGHEST MEDICAL RISK PER GUIDELINES
ESTABLISHED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
(CDC) (REF A-D). NATIONWIDE, LESS THAN EXPECTED DEMAND FROM HIGH-
RISK BENEFICIARIES HAS RESULTED IN A SIGNIFICANT RESERVE SUPPLY OF
INFLUENZA VACCINE. THUS, CONSISTENT WITH CDC NATIONAL GUIDELINES
PUBLISHED 17 DEC 04, ALL MTFS WILL IMMEDIATELY EXPAND VACCINATIONS
TO THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL AT-RISK GROUPS (REF F):

3.A. (U) INJECTABLE VACCINE (FLUZONE):

3.A.1. (U) ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN BENEFICIARIES AGE 50 AND OLDER
(PREVIOUSLY LIMITED TO AGE 65 AND OLDER). THIS GROUP IS CONSIDERED

MEDICALLY HIGH-RISK.

3.A.2. (U) ALL CLOSE CONTACTS OF PERSONS IN ALL MEDICAL HIGH-RISK GROUPS (PREVIOUSLY LIMITED TO ONLY THOSE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH INFANTS LESS THAN 6 MONTHS OLD).

3.A.3. (U) ANYONE FOR WHOM FLUMIST IS NOT INDICATED.

3.B. (U) INTRANASAL VACCINE (FLUMIST):

3.B.1. (U) ALL HEALTHY 5-49 YEAR OLD MILITARY AND CIVILIAN BENEFICIARIES REGARDLESS OF PREVIOUS RESTRICTIONS. MTFS CAN PRIORITIZE AS LOCAL SITUATION DICTATES.

3.B.2. (U) NOTE: CURRENT FLUMIST STOCKS WILL EXPIRE 8 FEB 05. BEGINNING 9 FEB 05, ADDITIONAL FLUMIST STOCKS WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 30 JUN 05 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONTINUATION OF VACCINATIONS.

4. (U) ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES:

4.1. (U) CONTINUE TO VACCINATE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED, DEPLOYED, OR DEPLOYING TO THE CENTCOM AREA OF OPERATIONS; PERSONNEL ON PCS OR TDY ORDERS FOR KOREA; AND MEDICALLY HIGH-RISK BENEFICIARIES AS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY.

4.2. (U) MAXIMIZE MARKETING EFFORTS TO REACH AND VACCINATE MEDICALLY HIGH-RISK AND OTHER AT-RISK BENEFICIARIES.

4.3. (U) RETAIN 5% OF EXISTING FLUZONE STOCKS TO RESPOND TO LOCAL OUTBREAKS (ESPECIALLY FOR THE UNVACCINATED MEDICALLY HIGH-RISK POPULATION), AND FOR DEPLOYING PERSONNEL FOR WHOM FLUMIST IS CONTRAINDICATED OR NOT EASILY ADMINISTERED.

4.4. (U) MAXIMIZE USE OF FLUMIST IN HEALTHY 5-49 YEAR OLD MILITARY AND CIVILIAN BENEFICIARIES.

4.5. (U) UPON DETERMINING THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, MTFS MAY PROCEED TO USE REMAINING FLUZONE VACCINE ON NON-HIGH-RISK PERSONS, UNLESS NOTIFIED BY THE MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL, THAT THE EXCESS IS NEEDED TO COVER A HIGH RISK GROUP ELSEWHERE.

4.6. (U) COORDINATE ORDERS FOR ADDITIONAL FLUMIST OR FLUZONE VACCINE THROUGH THE U.S. ARMY MEDICAL MATERIEL AGENCY (USAMMA), COMM 301-619-3242, DSN 343-3242. USAMMA WILL ATTEMPT TO MEET ADDITIONAL ORDERS BY CROSS-LEVELING WITHIN MTFS AND ORDERING THROUGH THE DEFENSE SUPPLY CENTER PHILADELPHIA.

5. (U) ENSURE ALL FLUZONE AND FLUMIST VACCINATIONS ARE RECORDED IN MEDPROS.

6. (U) THE POC FOR THIS MESSAGE IS CPT CHRIST, MILITARY VACCINE AGENCY, COMM 703-681-0950, DSN 761-0950, OR EMAIL ALLISON.CHRIST@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL.

7. (U) HQDA AOC-CAT POC IS THE SURGEON GENERAL DESK (DASG), COMM 703-693-4821.

8. (U) EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

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